

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on page 13, line 3, as follows (the changes on these paragraphs are shown with ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter):

For example, an absorbent core 80 may include at least first absorbent layer 82 and an absorbent pledget 86. More desirably, the core 80 includes a first absorbent layer 82, an absorbent pledget 86, and an optional second absorbent layer 84. The optional second absorbent layer provides added absorbent capacity and use of it is dependent on the level of absorbency desired. The first and second absorbent layers 82 and 84 may both include a first portion 88 and 92 and a second portion 90 and 94 which are movable relative to each other from a pre-use to an in-use condition. As shown in FIG. 5A, in the pre-use condition, the first and second portions 88 and 90, respectively, of the first absorbent layer 82 and the first and second portions 92 and 94, respectively, of the second absorbent layer 84 are approximately adjacent one another. In an in-use condition, as shown in FIG. 5B, the first and second portions 88 and 90 move in opposite directions and are separated from one another by distances D_1 and D_2 . Distances D_1 and D_2 are equal to or less than the pledget length or width and limited by the extensibility of the body and garment facing layers. This separation allows the absorbent layers 82 and 84 to move with an extensible body facing layer and garment facing layer when extended by the user.